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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) does not encourage consultancy support to Small Scale Pharma (SSP)units and have deliberately kept high cost fcr services, consultancy and projects

(b) if so, the details of guidelines issued by NIPER for interaction by the faculty to be helpful and liberal to SSP units;

(c) the total number of papers and patents published by the faculty o.i NIPER aiongwith details of commercial exploitation of such Government funded research by the SSP units;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage development of sin all and medium scale pharma units through NIPER;

(e) whether the selection Committee and other related Committees do nor have any representative of SSP industry; and

(f) if so, the reason therefore and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

a) NIPER has similar rules on consultancy as existing in other similar institutes of national importance like IIT, Delhi. Rules are uniform and applicable to whole of the pharmaceutical industry irrespective of size.

b) No separate provisions on the matter of issue of guidelines exist (as for other institutes of national importance).

c) NIPER has published 755 Research papers and filed 69 patents (9 granted and 2 commercialised). The technologies developed by NIPER can be commercially exploited by any pharmaceutical industry, after following the uniform procedures as laid down by the institute.

d} As a measure to encourage Small Scale Pharmaceutical units, in its 46th meeting, BOG, NIPER has constituted a sub-committee consisting of Dr. C.L.Kaul, Former Director, NIPER and Shri Lalit Kumar Jain, Member of the Board of Governors, NIPER and Director, NIPER to work out special provisions for Medium and Small Scale Industries with respect to providing the consultancy.

e) There is no such member from Small Scale Pharma Industry in the Selection Committee or other such related Committees.

i) Such expert Committees are constituted comprising of highly qualified persons from academics and other related fields as per Rules laid down in the Ordinance issued as per provisions contained in the NIPER Act, 1998.